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1. Until 19 January 1952, the Artillerie Kaserne on the Oderinsel (island in the Oder River) at Kuestrin (O 51/V 66) was still occupied by AAA units which had vehicles

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Almost daily, source observed soldiers practicing with 37-mm and 76.2-mm AA guns, conducting aiming practice at aircraft models, and receiving close-order drill in groups of five or six men. Each group included one soldier who carried a red and a white signal flag. Upon a flag signal by one group, another group acknowledged the signal and changed its formation and direction of march respectively.

2. Student drivers were observed on truck on 3 January. Five trucks,

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each towing a 37-mm gun, were observed leaving the Artillerie Kaserne on 11 January. Seven or eight soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets were seen riding on each truck, and two soldiers on each gun. Four trucks towing 37-mm guns drove from the installation toward Manschnow at about 2 p.m. on 14 January and returned at about 8 p.m. Vehicles which left the Artillerie Kaserne at 2:45 p.m. and returned at about 9 p.m. on 18 January included 4 trucks towing 76.2-mm AA guns, and 1 truck towing an object which seemed to be a searchlight.

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3. The improved emplacements east of the bridge across the Oder River contained six 37-mm AA guns, whereas the somewhat larger and deeper emplacements north and south of this bridge were still empty. \*

\* Comment. the Artillerie Kaserne, Kuestrin, as still quartering elements of the 32nd(?) AAA Div.

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